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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE, *et al.*

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with Nucleic Acids*

Group No. 1637

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2002 and is being mailed on September 26, 2002. The reply is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response. Although Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-64411-2 (468267-00067)/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks set forth thereafter.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 15-50 without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter in a related application.